

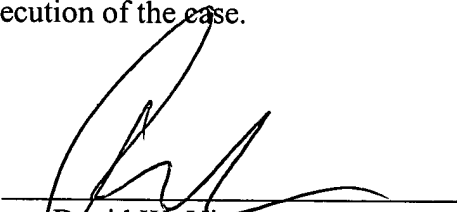
**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicants submit this preliminary amendment concurrently with the filing of the above application to correct a dependency error in claim 31. Applicants request examination on the merits of the claims.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 553-7977 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

Dated: March 22, 2004

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
David W. Victor  
Registration No. 39,867

Please direct all correspondences to:

David Victor  
Konrad Raynes & Victor, LLP  
315 South Beverly Drive, Ste. 210  
Beverly Hills, CA 90212  
Tel: 310-553-7977  
Fax: 310-556-7984